

**EXHIBIT A**

**Certification**

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

FRANCHISE GROUP, INC., *et al.*,

Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-12480-(LSS)

(Jointly Administered)

**CERTIFICATION OF SANJURO KIETLINSKI**

Sanjuro Kietlinski, a Partner with the firm Province, after being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

1. I am a Partner with the firm of Province, LLC (“Province”), which is a financial advisory firm with its principal office located at 2360 Corporate Circle, Suite 340, Henderson, Nevada 89074. Province also has offices in the Los Angeles, Greenwich, New York, and Miami metro areas. Province was retained as financial advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”) on November 21, 2024 and Province’s employment application was approved by the Court on January 24, 2025.

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<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases, along with the last four digits of their U.S. federal tax identification numbers, to the extent applicable, are Franchise Group, Inc. (1876), Freedom VCM Holdings, LLC (1225), Freedom VCM Interco Holdings, Inc. (2436), Freedom Receivables II, LLC (4066), Freedom VCM Receivables, Inc. (0028), Freedom VCM Interco, Inc. (3661), Freedom VCM, Inc. (3091), Franchise Group New Holdco, LLC (0444), American Freight FFO, LLC (5743), Franchise Group Acquisition TM, LLC (3068), Franchise Group Intermediate Holdco, LLC (1587), Franchise Group Intermediate L, LLC (9486), Franchise Group Newco Intermediate AF, LLC (8288), American Freight Group, LLC (2066), American Freight Holdings, LLC (8271), American Freight, LLC (5940), American Freight Management Company, LLC (1215), Franchise Group Intermediate S, LLC (5408), Franchise Group Newco S, LLC (1814), American Freight Franchising, LLC (1353), Home & Appliance Outlet, LLC (n/a), American Freight Outlet Stores, LLC (9573), American Freight Franchisor, LLC (2123), Franchise Group Intermediate B, LLC (7836), Buddy’s Newco, LLC (5404), Buddy’s Franchising and Licensing LLC (9968), Franchise Group Intermediate V, LLC (5958), Franchise Group Newco V, LLC (9746), Franchise Group Intermediate BHF, LLC (8260); Franchise Group Newco BHF, LLC (4123); Valor Acquisition, LLC (3490), Vitamin Shoppe Industries LLC (3785), Vitamin Shoppe Global, LLC (1168), Vitamin Shoppe Mariner, LLC (6298), Vitamin Shoppe Procurement Services, LLC (8021), Vitamin Shoppe Franchising, LLC (8271), Vitamin Shoppe Florida, LLC (6590), Betancourt Sports Nutrition, LLC (0470), Franchise Group Intermediate PSP, LLC (5965), Franchise Group Newco PSP, LLC (2323), PSP Midco, LLC (6507), Pet Supplies “Plus”, LLC (5852), PSP Group, LLC (5944), PSP Service Newco, LLC (6414), WNW Franchising, LLC (9398), WNW Stores, LLC (n/a), PSP Stores, LLC (9049), PSP Franchising, LLC (4978), PSP Subco, LLC (6489), PSP Distribution, LLC (5242), Franchise Group Intermediate SL, LLC (2695), Franchise Group Newco SL, LLC (7697), and Educate, Inc. (5722). The Debtors’ headquarters is located at 109 Innovation Court, Suite J, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

2. I have personally performed many of the services rendered by Province as financial advisor to the Committee and am familiar with the other work performed on behalf of the Committee by the other professionals in the firm.

3. The *Second Monthly Application for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Province, LLC as Financial Advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, for the Period from January 1, 2025 through January 31, 2025* (the “Application”) was prepared at my direction. The facts set forth in the foregoing Application are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

4. Province’s rates for the services rendered by its professionals in these chapter 11 cases are similar to the rates Province charges for professional services rendered in comparable bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy cases in a competitive national market for financial advisory services.

5. I have reviewed the Court’s Local Rule 2016-2 and the United States Trustee’s Guidelines for Review of Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. s.330 (the “Guidelines”). The Application substantially complies with Local Rule 2016-2 and the Guidelines.

Executed under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

/s/ Sanjuro Kietlinski  
Sanjuro Kietlinski, Partner  
Province, LLC